

80. The method of claim 78, further comprising the step of retracting the needle into the shield after the desired amount of medicament has been delivered to the injection site.

81. The method of claim 78, wherein pressing the shield against the injection site causes activation of the energy mechanism.

82. The method of claim 78, wherein the needle has a length of approximately one to three (1-3) mm and the medicament is ejected at a pressure of about two atmospheres.

REMARKS

Claims 29-82 are pending. This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-28, amends the specification and adds claims 29-82 to place this application in better condition for initial examination and allowance. No new matter is added.

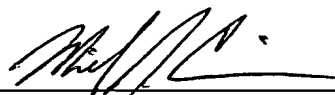
Substantive examination and allowance of the application in due course are respectfully solicited.

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